

Probate records of the Archdeaconry of Wiltshire, P3/S/1379.

Abstract of the Will of Thomas Short the Elder of Hunt Mill in the Parish of Wootton Bassett in the County of Wilts, written 1 Sep 1753, proved 8 Dec 1759.

Gives & bequeaths 3 guineas to Mary Ayers of Wootton Bassett, widow.

Gives & bequeaths 3 guineas to Hannah Hicks wife of Josiah Hicks of Wootton Bassett.

Gives & bequeaths to Mary Hill wife of Edward Hill of Teddington in co. Middlesex.

Gives & bequeaths 2 guineas to **Rebeckah Short** of Malmsbury, widow.*

Gives & bequeaths 1 guinea to **Alice Kendall alias Meedham**.†

Gives & bequeaths 1 guinea to **Anne Short**, spinster, **sister of the said Alice Kendall alias Meedham**.

Gives & bequeaths to **his kinsman** and servant **Thomas Short**‡ **son of John Short** his best suit of clothes.

Gives & bequeaths to the said Josiah Hicks his second-best suit of clothes.

Gives & bequeaths to Richard Weaving of Wootton Bassett his great coat and a buckskin pair of breeches.

All the rest of his ready money, bills, bonds, debts due and owing, cattle stock, plate, goods, chattels and personal estate he gives and bequeaths to **his wife Eleanor Short**, whom he appoints sole executrix of his last will and testament.

(signed)

Witnesses: Moses Sarraude, Bryan Rumboll

* widow of John Short, deceased brother of Thomas

† daughter of the John Short above

‡ nephew, son of the same John Short